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Attachments: OECA Top 200 Facilities-PA Mining.xlsx

FYI – There are 3 PA Mining Facilities on this list. Two I believe are Consol, and all 3 are already flagged for discussion at the QEM.

Thanks,

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Hi All – Here is the top 200 list. This may be useful as you prepare for your QEMs – These facilities may be good candidates for discussion. In addition, something we may want to take another look over for targeting as well, as appropriate.

Thank you!

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NPDES Enforcement Managers and other NPDES enforcement personnel,

Attached are the new, quarterly prioritized “Top 200” SNC-Level Effluent Violators lists - based on the official FY 2020 Q4 SNC data. These lists are developed by the SNC NCI Steering Committee using the ECHO “SNC Tracker” tool which prioritizes SNC-level effluent violators based on the # of quarters of SNC (45%), the total amount of pollution discharged over limit (45%), and the toxic weighted amount of pollutants discharged over limit (10%). Based on this algorithm, the “worst” SNC-level effluent violators are prioritized with the “worst” violators at the top of the list.

You will notice on your Region’s Top 200 list that the top rows are highlighted in yellow. These yellow highlighted rows identify the facilities in your Region that are among the top 200 “worst” effluent violators *nationally* according to the ranking described above (45%-45%-10%). Also, we have attached a national prioritized listing of the most serious effluent SNCs which you might find of interest.

The Top 200 Effluent Violators *nationwide* break out as follows by Region:

Region 1 – 2/200

Region 2 – 6/200

Region 3 – 36/200 (3 in MD, 7 in PA, 26 in WV (note: one WV facility seems to have been mis-coded as being in KY))

Region 4 – 38/200 (3 in AL, 1 in GA, 16 in KY, 5 in MS, 4 in NC, 8 in TN)

Region 5 – 31/200 (6 in IL, 7 in IN, 1 in MI, 17 in OH)

Region 6 – 57/200 (13 in AR, 27 in LA, 4 in OK, 13 in TX)

Region 7 – 18/200 (2 in IA, 15 in MO, 1 in NE)

Region 8 – 6/200

Region 9 – 3/200

Region 10 – 3/200

As a reminder, we have added the SNC Tracker’s prioritizing function to the SNC Early Warning Dashboard. This allows you to generate this same prioritized list from the Early Warning Dashboard – but, using the Early Warning Dashboard, you can also generate a prioritized SNC list based on the unofficial quarter’s SNCs and based on real-time SNCs from the present quarter. This gives you the option of discussing a much more recent set of SNCs with your states and potentially intervening with these permittees early enough to prevent them from becoming official SNCs.

The Top 200 list is provided to you: 1) to assist in prioritizing SNCs for discussion with the authorized states at the quarterly meetings; and 2) for inspection and enforcement targeting purposes (especially for direct implementation). They also are intended to assure the Regions have a common starting point for identifying priority SNCs, while recognizing that there are other and sometimes better sources of information on permittees with serious violations. The lists are intended to assist, not limit the Regions in determining the most serious SNCs for attention.

If we can provide you any support in using the Top 200 Effluent Violators list, or if you have any questions, please let us know.

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